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high school began some time ago, around 2018, on submitting the Statement of Interest for the high school. Picking it up now is something he said he supports.

“The Administration fully supports the Statement of Interest and it is something we have been working on prior to the superintendent becoming superintendent. My hope is to realize this building could be the future home of a middle school and we can get back to that concept. I would look to build a new high school, and the area we would probably target is the GE Parkland down in the waterfront where the tennis courts are. I hope the School Committee can rally together and work with our parents and families to focus on the this waterfront area.”

The Mayor said the waterfront area along the Malden River could eventually serve as the location of a high school, and also where the Veterans Stadium could be located in the future. He said he would hope the entire area could serve as a sports complex

with good locker rooms, Crew docks and Stadium.

“I know it’s expensive, but we could look at vocational programming there,” he added. “I think this is a great step to move into and I fully support it.”

School Committee-woman Samantha Lambert wondered why the high school was only identified, even when other schools are also overcrowded. Tahiliani said the process only allows for focusing on one school at a time, and they felt that building a high school could slow down the issues across he district.

“In order to enter into the MSBA process, you can only identify one school,” she said. “You can’t identify the entire school district as being overcrowded. We are focusing on Everett High School as the example of our being overcrowded. If we are to create a new building, we believe it could not only alleviate our issues at Everett High, but also it would help other schools as well.”

She said the preliminary plan would be to turn the existing Everett High into

a 6-8 middle school, or a 7-9 pre-high school, all of which would feed into the new Everett High. Any new middle school would also have the ability to expose students to the vocational programs that exist at the high school – getting them potentially on a track for that program even before they hit high school.

“I think it’s a good idea we do include the vocational programs if we build a new school because there are a lot of kids that don’t have the ability to go to college,” said School Committee-woman Cynthia Sarnie. “If they had a trade behind them, that would be good because we’re seeing a shortage in those trades today.”

The approval moved the matter officially to City Hall, which would have to approve the Statement of Interest before it goes to MSBA. If MSBA approves the Statement of Interest, it enters the district into a pipeline that includes thorough reviews, and potentially, millions of dollars in state funding to build the school.

School Committee votes to put out RFP on after-school services

By Seth Daniel

Safe to say if no one can find the contract, then maybe there isn’t a contract.

That being the case, the School Committee denied reconsideration, 0-9, of the For Kids Only (FKO) contract extension, and approved a plan by Supt. Priya Tahiliani to put out to open bid the after-school services program. The move doesn’t eliminate FKO – whose local providers in the schools get great reviews from parents who use the service – from bidding on the programming, but it also opens it up to other providers who may offer new and different services.

The Committee voted last fall to put the after-school programming out to open bid, and that stoked a great deal of controversy from the City and from parents who overwhelming like the in-school, after-school program. Committeeman Allen Panarese filed for reconsideration of the vote because there was uncertainty as to whether FKO held an existing three year contract already – one that would supposedly expire next year.

“With this, I just wanted to determine if there was a legitimate contract,” he said during the Committee’s May 11 Special Meeting, when the issue was taken up.

The Committee does not believe there is a legitimate contract, but the City – who picked up and ran the FKO program last year after the Committee stopped it – believes there is a contract.

Committee Attorney

Bob Galvin said he looked into the matter and it is his opinion that FKO had a one-year contract for after-school programming that was not renewed by the Committee last year. Galvin said not only does he not believe there is a contract, but also no one can actually find the contract.

“It is my opinion there is no presently valid contract in absence of any other circumstances,” he said. “The School Committee has the authority to put out a new RFP for FY 2022...I never saw the contract at all and I’m told maybe there isn’t one that exists.”

Member Tom Abruzzese said there is one thing that both sides of the issue had in common – no one knew where the contract was. As an attorney, he said that didn’t set right.

“We can always enter into a valid contract, but as of right now it appears we cannot even locate the contract,” he said. “I just want to state the one thing in agreement with Mr. Galvin and the City Solicitor is that neither one of them appears to have seen the contract.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria was quite upset by the proceedings, and said the City did have a purchase order from former Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier. He also said he has heard the current school leadership has said even if FKO submits a good bid, they won’t be chosen. That, of course, was ruled out of order by Chair Frank Parker.

“The contract for FKO was executed by the School Department and unfortunately they don’t have the contract, but we do have a Purchase Order that was signed (by Janice Gauthier),” he said. “I’m not here to beat a dead horse. The school district chose not to offer after-school services for our families. The City decided that couldn’t happen. We chose to provide these services. We are approaching the end of the year and we continue to provide after-school services and

unfortunately it’s not in the schools. It’s in a remote place (former Pope John High School) that makes it hard for families to get to, but we’ve made it work.”

He went on to say if there’s a personal problem with FKO or its Director Debbie Kneeland, he said that shouldn’t be part of this discussion.

“We want to provide services for our children,” he said. “That’s why we stood up and provided services when some did not. If there’s a personal problem with the vendor providing these services – don’t get involved in that...I want to be firm because I heard there was an e-mail that indicated that this vendor would not be given a contract even if...they were the winner.”

At that point, he was called out of order by Chair Frank Parker.

Member Marcony Almeida Barros said it isn’t a complicated issue; it’s a simple RFP process and one that he said FKO could win if they presented a good proposal. He said it was much the same situation as the food vendor contract, which was switched up in early 2020 after a competitive bidding process.

“This body does not want to get rid of after-school programming,” he said. “We want to continue to have after-school programming and if the current vendor provides an amazing proposal and shares the work they’ve been doing over the years that’s great. Let’s have other vendors provide the same...This is a function of a public body. There is no contract. It needs to go out to bid...Go through the RFP process, submit a proposal, go through a review and the best one gets the contract...We shouldn’t be favoring X, Y, or Z. It’s the best proposal to provide the best services to our families.”

The RFP was due to be released this week to the general public to secure bids, and FKO was expected to be a bidder.

Everett High students stay virtual in large numbers

By Seth Daniel

The overwhelming majority of high school students at Everett High School (EHS) have chosen to stay remote at 75 percent – with less than 100 seniors choosing to come back to the building in person for their last month of school.

It is one of the largest opt-outs of in-person high school in the area, with districts like Chelsea at about 50 percent in person.

Supt. Priya Tahiliani said that 1,353 students (75 percent) chose to stay virtual in the high school through the first week, which started on May 10. There were 601 students that returned to the building. Of those students returning, the senior class was the smallest, with only 67 returning for their last month of school, and 317 remaining virtual.

The largest in-person class was the ninth grade with 238 returning, and 322 staying put at home.

“Many of our high school students chose to stay remote, some 75 percent of them,” she said.

COVID-19 case updates


COVID Case Count May 11-18 = 35
COVID Case Count May 4-May 11 = 67
COVID Case Count April 27-May 4 = 41

The most recent numbers are as follows:


- Tuesday, May 18 - 1
- Monday, May 17 – 2
- Sunday, May 16 – 6
- Saturday, May 15 – 5
- Friday, May 14 – 4
- Thursday, May 13 – 3
- Wednesday, May 12 – 8
- Tuesday, May 11 – 6

•Everett moved its testing full-time indoors at the Samuel Gentile Recreation Center on Elm Street. Testing is done Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., and then 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Friday and Saturdays, testing is done noon to 6 p.m. It was announced this week that the Rec Center test site will remain open until June 30.

•Additionally, there is also a testing resource for Everett residents only via the Mass General COVID-19 testing van. The van will not be in Everett this week, but could return in coming weeks.



- LEGAL NOTICE -
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
484 Broadway
Everett, Massachusetts
02149
(617) 394-2498
To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM in regards to an application for zoning relief. In response to Governor Baker’s declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Zoom will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Board’s website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Board meetings and hearings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the City and City Clerk’s website. In addition, Everett Community TV (ECTV) may provide coverage of these meetings. We extend our thanks for your understanding and participation in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Board and the public safe.

Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 39 Fremont Avenue
Map/Parcel: M0-0007-000113-01
Person Requesting: Mr. Raffaele DeMarco
39 Fremont Avenue
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, the owner seeks to convert the existing three (3) family dwelling into a four (4) family dwelling. The plot plan submitted indicates that six (6) parking spaces are proposed.

The permit is respectfully denied in accordance with The City of Everett Zoning Appendix A for the following reasons:

Reason for Denial:

- A four (4) family is not an allowed use in this district. 97/1975 May 30, 1975 Amendment, Section 4 (a) Uses, Dwelling district omitting 4 Family Dwellings.
- The Floor Area Ratio is above the allowable (.5) the FAR on this project is at .84 or .34 above the allowed FAR.
- The parking plan provided indicates that a vehicle will be required to be moved in order for the other vehicles to enter and leave the parking areas.
- Six (6) parking spaces are proposed on the plan provided; eight (8) parking spaces are required.
- The parking plan provided indicates that three vehicles will be parked within the front setback. The required setback for this Zoning District (DWELLING) is a twenty (20) foot set back.
- The parking plan provided indicates that a vehicle will be parked closer than eight (8) feet from a habitable window.
- The parking plan provided indicates that it will be necessary for vehicles to back into the street.

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Zoning Ordinance:

1. Section 4 Dwelling Districts (a) Uses:

A. Uses. Within any dwelling district as indicated on the zoning map, no building, structure or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected which is intended or designed to be used in whole or in part for any industry, trade, manufacturing, or commercial purposes, or for other than the

following specified purposes:

1. A single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of the Zoning Ordinance may be converted to provide not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units provided that the following standards are met:

Any addition shall comply with the front, side and rear yard requirements and height limitations of the Zoning Ordinance. Where the existing building is already non-conforming, any alteration shall not increase the existing non-conformity. Parking in accordance with this Zoning Ordinance shall be provided for any additional dwelling units. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

2. Section 4 Dwelling Districts A Uses 17. Conversion of Dwelling. No new dwelling unit created by the conversion of an existing dwelling shall be permitted unless the requirements of minimum lot area and off-street parking are satisfied for all dwelling units in existence and proposed in the dwelling after the conversion or enlargement. (Ord. 02-046 of Oct. 22, 2003)

3. Section 17 Off Street Parking (J): “Parking facilities shall be designed so that each motor vehicle may proceed to and from the parking space provided for it without requiring the moving of any other motor vehicle.”

4. Section 17 Off Street Parking (I) Each required car space shall be not less than 9 feet in width and 18 feet in length exclusive of drives and maneuvering space, and the total area of any parking facility for more than five (5) cars shall average two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet per car. No driveways or curb cuts shall exceed thirty (30) feet in width. (Ord. 01-046/2001)

5. Section 17 Off Street Parking (K): “Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located.”

6. Section 17 Off Street Parking (M): “No parking stall shall be located within eight (8) feet of any window of habitable rooms in the basement or first story level of any building.”

7. Section 17 Off Street Parking (O) 4. “Except for one- and two-family dwellings, parking shall be designed so that it is not necessary to drive over sidewalks or curbs or to back into the street or driveway”

8. Section 17 Off Street Parking (O) 5. “All parking areas shall have an access road with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet to allow ingress and exiting at same time.”

Topic: ZBA Meeting (public call in) 06/07
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May 19, 2021

May 26, 2021

Nomination papers unlock flurry of candidates, changes

By Seth Daniel

All three candidates for mayor have pulled Nomination Papers this week – as Papers officially became available on Monday morning – and some surprises have already emerged, such as Councilor Michael McLaughlin announcing he won’t run for re-election to the Ward 6 seat and is currently keeping his options open.

Other immediate surprises – as of Tuesday at noon – were School Committeeman Allen Panarese filing for Councilor at-Large; At-Large Councilor Wayne Matewsky filing for Ward 1 Councilor; Council Clerk Mike Mangan filing for Ward 4 School Committee; and Bernie D’Onofrio re-entering public life in running for Ward 6 School Committee.

“Monday was a very busy day,” said City Clerk Sergio Cornelio. “It was a steady flow all day of candidates and incumbents coming in to get their Papers. I’d rather have them in and get their Papers if they are running so we have time to go through the certification process.”

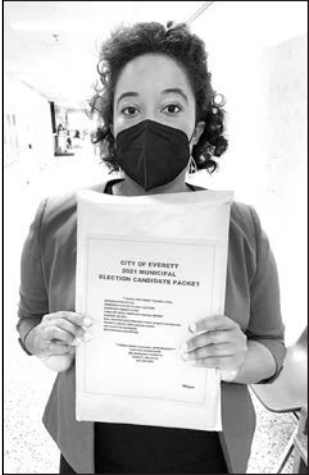
One key change is the emergence of ward-only voting for Council Ward seats and School Committee ward seats. No longer will a ward councilor or School Committee member have to run citywide. That Charter Change was signed into law by Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito at 11:47 a.m. on Saturday, thus changing the course of this election in a big way.

The biggest race, of course, has been solidified with the three candidates for mayor pulling Nomination Papers on Monday afternoon.

After pulling papers, each mayoral candidate issued a statement about their campaign, which are listed below in alphabetical order by last name.

Said Councilor Gerly Adrien, “On Monday morning, I was the first mayoral candidate to pick up my Nomination Papers at Everett City Hall. For the past few months, I have been out in our neighborhoods, knocking on doors and talking to residents everyday about our campaign’s bold vision for a better Everett. I am looking forward to continuing to engage with our neighbors throughout the next few weeks to gather signatures, so we can get on the ballot and continue to fight for the changes our residents deserve.”

Said Councilor Fred Capone, “My family and I are prepared for a busy summer of campaigning. We have already started door knocking and are overwhelmed by the support. This campaign is not about me; it’s about the residents of Everett. We are running so that every voice gets heard and every opinion matters. I’m excited about speaking with our residents and working



Councilor Gerly Adrien was the first mayoral candidate on Monday to take out her Nomination Papers to run for the office.

to earn their support in September.”

Said Mayor DeMaria, “I have officially pulled papers and will be seeking re-election as Mayor of the City of Everett. When I became Mayor, I made a promise to continue to better our community. I am not finished, my job is not done. I look forward to knocking on each and every door to make sure my message and goals for our city are clear. As always, on behalf of my family and I, we appreciate the continuous love and support. #EverettforEveryone.”

Mayoral candidates have to get 500 signatures, and a long-standing requirement already in place is that at least 25 signatures have to come from each ward. Once those signatures are certified, it guarantees a place on the ballot. If all three qualify for the ballot, that would trigger a Mayoral Preliminary Election in September.

One of the bigger surprises Monday was someone that didn’t show up on the Nomination Paper list, and that is Councilor McLaughlin.

In a statement on Monday morning, he said he would not be seeking re-election to the Ward 6 seat – which led to it becoming another open seat on the Council. He said it wasn’t the end of his political road, and he will be running for another office.

“As nomination papers are now available, I am in the process of still considering how I can be most beneficial to the entire Everett community,” he said. “While I plan to continue serving as an elected official in some capacity, I’m still talking to family, friends and constituents regarding their needs in hopes to make the best informed decision as to where I can best serve my hometown. I look forward to the coming weeks and months and discussing how I can help continue moving Everett forward for all that call Everett home.”

In Ward 6’s new open seat, Candidate Al Lattanzi has pulled papers to run for the seat – after having lost to McLaughlin last time around. He will likely face Ross Pietrantonio of Alfred Street.

McLaughlin has already lent his support to



Councilor Fred Capone and his family took out papers Monday and already have begun door knocking.

Lattanzi this week.

•In Ward 1, long-time at-Large Councilor Wayne Matewsky – who is recovering from a medical emergency earlier this year – has pulled papers to succeed mayoral candidate Fred Capone. A long-time resident of Lewis Street, Matewsky was rumored for a while to be interested in the Ward 1 seat if Capone ran for mayor.

•The five at-large seats on the Council are fairly open with Matewsky departing and Adrien running for mayor. Incumbents Michael Marchese and Rich Dell Isola have pulled Papers, but Council Dean John Hanlon has not pulled his Paper yet. A major surprise in the race is long-time School Committeeman Allen Panarese making the jump to run for at-Large Council. Two years ago, he was rumored to be interested, but didn’t make the call. This time around, he’s in.

Those who have also pulled Papers for a potential run for the seat include Angelmarie DiNunzio, James Mastrocola, Stephanie Smith, James LaVecchio, and Kenny Gianneli.

•In Ward 2 City Council, incumbent Stephanie Martins has decided to stay put in the Ward seat, but she’ll face long-time political veteran Jason Marcus of Dartmouth Street. It will be an interesting race in particular now that ward-only voting is in place.

•In Ward 4 Council, incumbent Jimmy Tri Le could face James Mastrocola, who also pulled papers for the at-Large race. Le won with no competition two years ago when long-time former Councilor Leo McKinnon decided not to run just before the cutoff date.

•Unopposed so far are Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro and Ward 5 Councilor Rosa DiFlorio.

•In the School Committee, there is no shortage of drama as well, which has not historically been the case in Everett. One of the most interesting races so far is in Ward 1, where Joanne Parris, Millie Cardello and Margaret Cornelio have all pulled papers. Parris is a long-time resident who has been very active in the community for a number of years, while Cornelio is a for-

mer School Department employee who is also the mother of Clerk Sergio Cornelio. Cardello is currently an at-Large member, and also pulled papers for that office too. It is the same situation for Cornelio, who has also pulled papers for at-Large.

In Ward 4, incumbent Dana Murray has pulled Papers, but quickly had some competition from Council Clerk (and former councilor) Mike Mangan, of Walnut Street. Murray won election in a surprise two years ago, but emerged as a leader on the Committee as she is an educator in East Boston and has a firm grip on the issues. Mangan, however, has quite a political following in Everett and was involved for years in youth activities.

Ward 6 is interesting in that former School Committee Chair Bernie D’Onofrio has pulled Papers to run once again for a seat. Two years ago, in a challenge by former Candidate David Lindsey, D’Onofrio’s signatures were determined to be invalid, and he did not qualify for the ballot. Now, he’s back, and incumbent Tom



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and his family signed out Nomination Papers on Monday at City Hall. The mayor said he still has work to do, and thanked all those that support him.



Councilor Michael McLaughlin announced on Monday he would not run for re-election to the Ward 6 seat, but would be keeping his options open to run for another office. He lent his support to Candidate Al Lattanzi on Monday afternoon.

Abruzzese has yet to pull Papers, but is expected to do so.

In Ward 2, with Panarese out, an open seat exists and so far Jason Marcus is the only candidate. Marcus has also pulled Papers for Ward 2 Council. It will be interesting to see which directions he veers towards.

In the at-Large race, in-

cumbent Cynthia Sarnie has pulled Papers again, and Cardello and Cornelio – as mentioned above – have pulled papers for at-Large and Ward 1.

Ward 3 School Committeeman Frank Parker and Ward 5 School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros have no one against them at this point.

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dividual businesses or employers may choose to put in place,” Baker said.

“The Commonwealth was tested...” Baker said, “but together, we all fought back, made changes as the fact on the ground changed and never, ever stopped moving forward.”

He said the virus will continue to exist in the community but tools like

vaccines, as well as science and the growing knowledge about the virus “allows us to get back to living our lives.”

There are more than 975 vaccination locations in the state, and Massachusetts continues to be a leader in vaccination rates.

He added that recent studies show that fully vaccinated individuals are

“very highly unlikely” to contract or transmit the virus.

“We’ve gotten to this point because we followed the science and the people in Massachusetts did the hard work and made the sacrifices,” he said.

For more details about the reopening plan, visit mass.gov/reopening.



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Property Address: 48 Nichols Street
Map/Parcel: MO-08-000178
Person Requesting: Philip Antonelli
140 Tremont Street
Everett, MA 02149

The said Board of Appeals, the owner seeks demolish the existing Dwelling and construct a Three (3) story, Nine (9) family residence with eight (8) cars parking.:
The permit is respectfully denied in accordance with The City of Everett Zoning Appendix A for the following reasons
Reason for Denial:
The proposed use as a 9 family is not an allowed use.
The FAR is at 1.3, the allowed FAR for the Dwelling District is 0.5. The project exceeds the FAR by 0.8.
The total offset on the proposed sides of this dwelling is 12 feet-5 inches, the required total offset for the Dwelling District is 16 feet. Relief is required for 3 feet seven inches.
The applicant is proposing nine (9) parking spaces eighteen (18) are required.
Zoning Ordinance:
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Where the existing building is already non-conforming, any alteration shall not increase the existing non-conformity. Parking in accordance with this Zoning Ordinance shall be provided for any additional dwelling units. (Ord. of 4-29-91) Section 4(b)(2): C All other uses-----0.5 maximum floor area ratio (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-29-91 Ord. of 7/16/2002; Ord. of 11/13/2007)
Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) Dimensional Requirements line
6. Side Yard: a. Four (4) feet minimum with a total of sixteen (16) feet
Section 17 Off-Street Parking (A) 2: which states the following:
"Off-street parking facilities shall be provided in accordance with the requirements as outlined below. Multifamily dwellings 2 parking spaces per dwelling unit" needing a total of eighteen (18) spaces. The proposed plan contains eight (8) parking spaces requiring relief in the form of a variance for ten (10) parking spaces.
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WE DESERVE THIS GREAT WEATHER

With Massachusetts entering the reopening phase after 14 months of lockdowns, the arrival of the magnificent weather this week could not have been better-timed.

All of us have had to make sacrifices to varying degrees during the pandemic.

Many of our fellow citizens have suffered greatly, whether from the deaths of loved ones, the loss of livelihoods, or the lingering effects of long-COVID.

However, what has become clear throughout the pandemic is the power of the resiliency of the human spirit. This was evident as we were walking along a crowded Newbury St. in downtown Boston this past Saturday afternoon under sunny skies with temperatures near 80. Sidewalk restaurants were bustling, shops had customers, and people were just happy to be out-and-about.

We were reminded of the words of our mother after she'd been diagnosed with the breast cancer that eventually would overwhelm her: "Life is for the living," she would say.

The pandemic has served to remind us that our existence is both short and fragile. Hopefully, with the realization that our grasp on this earth at best is tenuous, we will have a greater appreciation of the simple things -- a sun-filled sky on a warm afternoon -- and endeavor to make the most of every day as we strive to make the world a better place not only for ourselves, but for those around us.

LIZ CHENEY IS A PROFILE IN COURAGE

We disagree with Liz Cheney on just about everything, politically-speaking.

We suspect that most of our readers also have felt the same way over the years.

But there is no denying that her principled stand in opposition to her party leaders and in defense of the Constitution would be worthy of a chapter in John F. Kennedy's Profiles in Courage.

Liz Cheney could have taken the easy way out and simply remained silent in the face of the efforts by a large segment of the Republican Party to undermine the electoral process that forms the bedrock of our democratic institutions.

But Liz Cheney knows what her fellow Republicans are up to -- and she wants no part of it.

Beyond the attempt by GOP members of Congress to whitewash the events that occurred on January 6, the election "reforms" that are being enacted by Republican-controlled state legislatures in many states are a blatant and coordinated effort to subvert the very essence of our democracy.

The combination of newly-imposed restrictions on meaningful access to the ballot that target minority communities and the new laws delegating to those very same legislatures the final determination of the vote amounts to this: They are rigging the outcome of the electoral process both before the voting and after the counting.

Liz Cheney is standing up for the most basic of American values -- and if our democracy is to survive the coming elections of 2022 and 2024, we will need many more like-minded officeholders to join her cause.

Your opinions, please

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Families across America are celebrating high school and college graduations.

American young adults are now faced with going to work or pursuing more education. Employers across America are looking for workers. Colleges are looking for students. Will you spend \$25,000 to \$60,000 per year to go to school? Or, will you go to work and earn \$25,000 to \$60,000 or more?

Some of America's graduates will find jobs working for state or federal government entities. One acquaintance went to work for her state government and retired by the time she was 46. With a full state retirement benefit she started a part time business that seems to do well. She did not have one day of college education. She started out at an entry level job but worked hard, showed up and received several pro-

motions that provided her with a good income and a very good government retirement.

A high school graduate can enlist into the military. He or she will start out on the bottom but show up and work hard every day and have a retirement by the time they are 38 years old. It's only 50% of their salary but it's a respectable check which will provide them financial security for the rest of their lives.

If school teachers start teaching at the age of 23 many can retire by about 51 years old.

Retiring at 46 or 51 is seldom on the mind of someone 18 or even 23. Often, just finding an enjoyable job that is maintainable is the main goal. However, give some thought to the type of work you are pursuing. What kind of financial stability and security will it provide for you and when will it afford you retirement

income?

You don't have to quit working at 46 or 50 just because you have obtained a monthly retirement check. There is a world of opportunities you can pursue. You can start a different career. You can work part time. Or, you can stay with the job you are doing. Or, just enjoy life.

There is a sacrifice to a lot of jobs. Many jobs may be fulfilling but often come up short on solid retirement plans. Pursue and enjoy what you do but you can't make a retirement plan happen out of thin air when you hit sixty. Keep in mind you can save a little bit of money every month and it will grow. Be diligent about this every month and you'll eventually see results. Start now.

The career you went to school for may also allow you to retire at 55 if you want to. You may also train for a job that you will en-

joy doing into your late sixties or even seventies or older. An acquaintance of mine is 82. He's been in the hotel business for many years and loves his work. Another friend was a college President until he was 78 and loved every minute of his work. One of my friends is a surgeon and is 72. He loves working every day.

Today is a good time to think about what you are doing and where it will take you. Consider what you want life to look like when you arrive at your destination.

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GUEST OP-ED

AFT Massachusetts calls for full school reopening this fall

By Beth Kontos

The 23,000-member AFT Massachusetts today released the following statement from AFT Massachusetts President Beth Kontos:

"The last year has been incredibly difficult for students, for educators, and for parents, but the light at the end of the tunnel is now in sight. With the state's vaccination campaign continuing to progress and the approval this week of a vaccine for children ages 12 and over, there is a clear pathway to full school reopening this fall. With a new administration in Washington, our school districts are finally receiving the resources they need to recover from the pandemic. However, we have major work to do to overcome a lingering lack of trust within communities hit hardest by COVID-19, and to ensure that full school reopening this fall is done safely and equitably.

"Today, American Federation of Teachers (AFT) President Randi Weingarten announced our union's plan to safely reopen schools for all students in the next academic year. In order to help our students recover from the impacts of the pandemic, schools must be open in person this fall, five days a week and full-time. But national research by the AFT finds that just 73 percent of parents — and only 59 percent of Black parents — say they are comfortable with in-person learning for their child this fall. Many parents, especially parents of color in low-income communities, have a well-justified lack of trust in local school systems. For years, their children have attended underfunded schools in outdated and unsafe buildings, and during the pandemic, they witnessed firsthand the failures of our state and nation to protect the safety of students and

their families.

"With billions of dollars in one-time federal COVID relief aid coming to Massachusetts, we have a once-in-a-generation chance to repair economic and racial inequities in our schools, provide every student with a safe and nurturing learning environment, foster trust in our public schools, and rebuild confidence in in-person learning. The AFT's research shows that if the safety measures we support — upgraded ventilation, layered classroom mitigation strategies, rapid surveillance testing, and easily available vaccinations — are in place, the percentage of parents who are comfortable with in-person learning jumps to 94 percent, including 87 percent of Black parents.

"This summer, we need an all-hands-on-deck approach, supported by federal funding, to prepare our school buildings and systems for a safe reopening

in the fall. In September, we need major investments to provide students with additional academic support through tutoring and smaller class sizes, as well as social-emotional support through counselors and other mental health professionals. We especially need additional support for students with special needs, English language learners, and other students who have struggled the most during the pandemic.

"We'll continue working collaboratively with school committees, parents, and students to overcome the obstacles to safely returning all students to our classrooms. Together, we can recover from the pandemic and reimagine our schools as safe, healthy learning environments that nurture the whole child, support their family, and provide equal opportunity for all students."

Beth Kontos is the President of AFT Massachusetts.

LETTERS to the Editor

EVERETT RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

To the Editor,

It seems that Mayor DeMaria and his Riverfront development planners missed the mark with proposed moorings in the Malden River. Yachts and sailboats might look amazing in a postcard or drone video, but realistically, how many Everett residents are boat owners? And why risk the safety of our existing rowing community by waking their boats? I applaud the kind and sensible citizens who've invited the mayor and his commission for a row on the Malden to better understand her maritime uses and watershed.

Perhaps a better use of public funds would be to engage youth in the Malden River wildlife and focus on community rowing along the Malden. The City of Everett clearly needs more community inclusion and

socioeconomic diversity in future planning of development along the Everett Riverfront so that all residents may benefit. A full-ride rowing or ecology college scholarship recipient could be from our great city, but we may never know. Roll tide roll?

Michael Crouch

EDUCATION IS A DIRECT INVESTMENT IN OUR RESIDENTS

To the Editor,

Our lowest income children attend the schools located in Ward 2.

A budget reflects the priorities and vision for the future of the city. Wealthier cities have one thing in common: they are known to invest extra in human capital, that being knowledge and education. Better educated children have more opportunity, and children with opportunity become adults with resources

who will in turn enrich the infrastructure of the city.

The extra investment that might be mischaracterized as a burden to homeowners is actually an investment to create more future homeowners to contribute to the pot, residents with higher incomes, and safer streets for everyone. Education is a direct investment on our residents. Investing in our children is not only a moral obligation but it is an investment into the future of the municipality as a whole.

Our schools have been able to do amazing things with the bare minimum. But why limit ourselves and nickel and dime opportunities when we can do more?

Similar to the wealthier cities, gateway cities have one thing in common: limited resources for education. Providing only net school spending funding ensures that our lower income gateway cities will

systemically remain lower income gateway cities. It keeps us right where we are. But we want better.

We don't want just a few success stories out of Everett, we want all students to be a success story, so that Everett can be a success story as a whole.

It is my hope that we can as a city find room in our budget to invest more than just the minimum on our children. We want to grow, develop, improve our city, but also have the best most qualified young people living in it.

As elected officials, we have in our hands the unique opportunity to allocate funding that will define people's personal futures by funding opportunities and much needed resources that will open doors and shape the next generation of Everett residents.

**Councilor
Stephanie Martins
Ward 2
City Councilor**

EVERETT’S CRIMSON TIDE VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY TEAM



Head Coach Melissa O’Donnell and Asst. Coach Emily Kord are shown with the EHS 2021 Crimson Tide Varsity Field Hockey Team.



Head Coach Melissa O’Donnell (center) with the seniors on the varsity field hockey team. Pictured (from left) Michelle Pham, Kaleigh Snook, Rebecca Covelle, Mimi Le, Ashley Fitzgerald, and Haley Oteri. (Not pictured is senior Keara Farrell.)

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STRONG FINISH FOR EHS CROSS-COUNTRY

The Everett High cross country team completed its 2020 Fall II season in strong fashion last week. The Crimson Tide won its final dual meet of the season with a 26-29 victory over Lynn Classical last Monday on Everett’s home course at Macdonald Park. Everett took three of the first four places, led by Wensley Mompremier, who finished first with a time of 17:59. Wensley was followed by teammate Samuel Desir, who took second place with a clocking of 18:13. Anthony Cooper grabbed fourth spot with a time of 19:38. Fausto Paniagua finished ninth in 26:20 and Sebastian Fong came across the line in 10th position with a time of 29:14 to complete the Everett scoring. Purvansh Aujla finished 12th in 31:44.

On the girls’ side, Luca Jean Noel finished fourth with a time of 32:44. “I was proud of how all the runners performed in our last dual meet of the year,” said EHS head coach Brendan Hahesy. Three days later the Crimson Tide returned to Macdonald for the GBL League Meet. Mompremier once again was the top Everett runner, coming across the line in eighth place in 16:48. Desir was right behind just one second later to grab ninth spot in 16:49. For Wensley and Samuel, their top-10 performances earned them GBL All-Star accolades. Cooper finished in 21st place in 18:14, followed by Fong in 35th place in 19:25; Matth Telson in 43rd in 20:27; Paniagua in 50th in 24:49; and Aujla in 53rd in 27:30.

For the girls, Noel raced to a 16th-place finish in a clocking of 27:13 and teammate Arianna Reed grabbed 31st place with a time of 31:27. “The team had a great finish to the season,” said Hahesy, whose squad will be returning to the cross-country trails in just three short months for the start of the 2021 fall season. “All nine of our runners ran their fastest times of the year.”

EHS FIELD HOCKEY TEAM TOPS REVERE IN GBL TOURNEY

The Everett High field hockey team saved its best performances of the 2020 Fall II campaign for the

EHS Roundup

final week of their pandemic-shortened spring season.

This past Friday, coach Melissa O’Donnell’s crew defeated Revere, 1-0, in the semifinal round of the Greater Boston League’s round-robin playoffs.

“We played our best game of the year for those 30 minutes,” said O’Donnell. Kristi Skane, Everett’s rookie goalie, came up with huge saves throughout the contest to keep Revere off the board.

With five minutes to go, Emma Longmore and senior captain Kaleigh Snook provided the offensive punch that led to the game-winning goal by Snook that advanced the Crimson Tide to the finals.

“I can truly say that everyone who played in the Revere game gave 100 percent and that is why we won,” said O’Donnell.

Everett had faced Revere earlier in the week on Monday and battled their rivals from the Beach City to a 2-2 tie. Dante Masucci and Robert Fuccillo scored the goals for the Crimson Tide.

“We had tremendous defense from Melissa Lopes, Celeste Fuccillo, and Ashley Fitzgerald and great goalie play by junior Sarai Valez,” said O’Donnell. “We had great offense by Justin Longmore, Kaleigh Snook, Haley Oteri, Michelle Pham, Kaylin Seward, Ella Hicksey, Julianna Edwards, Jessica Coleman, and Mimi Le.”

Two days later Everett hosted Malden in the last regular-season game of the year that was highlighted by Senior Night festivities at which the seven members of the Class of 2021 -- captain Kaleigh Snook,

captain Haley Oteri, captain Keara Farrell, assistant captain Michelle Pham, assistant captain Mimi Le, captain Ashley Fitzgerald, and assistant captain Rebecca Covelle -- were recognized for their contributions to the EHS field hockey program in colorful ceremonies held before the game.

“There’s a lot I can say about these seven seniors, but the best thing that sticks out is the outstanding manner in which this group served as role models for the underclassmen,” said O’Donnell. “They set the standard for what the younger girls should aspire to be when they are seniors. They gave me their all for four years and I will truly miss them.”

Senior Day also served a dual purpose, as the Crimson Tide donned purple jerseys to show support for their junior goalie, Sarai Valez, who was just cleared of Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

The Crimson Tide came up on the short end of a 6-2 decision, with Snook and Fuccillo accounting for the Everett goals. Everett then met Malden two days later in the championship of the GBL Cup and fell by a score of 6-0.

“Although we did not win, it was not for a lack of effort,” noted O’Donnell. “Malden is a greatly-talented team and we battled with them until the end.

“We will miss our seniors,” O’Donnell added. “But we ended our season on a high note that gave our team something to build upon when we start back up in the fall of 2021.”

MAKING AN IMPRESSION



Everett Police Officer Eric Williamson is shown talking to Teacher Keith Spencer’s eighth graders at the Keverian School, as part of an ongoing weekly discussion on the acclaimed book “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You” by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi. Thanks, Officer Williams, for engaging students in such a meaningful and timely manner.

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Crimson Tide completes undefeated season

Everett High defeats Lynn Classical 42-12 in finale

By Cary Shuman

The Everett High football team wrapped up an undefeated season with a 42-12 victory over Lynn Classical Friday night at Manning Field in Lynn.

It was another powerful exhibition of football by Coach Rob DiLoreto's Crimson Tide, who scored 20 first-quarter points on the way to its third consecutive victory. The team's original 2020 season was moved from the fall to the spring because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Quarterback Samy Lamothe threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Tyrese Baptiste on the opening possession and rushed for touchdowns of 33 and 11 yards. If there is a GBL Player of the Year Award to be selected this season, the leading contender is Lamothe, who will be taking his talents to Princeton University and the Ivy League this fall.

Brian Gibbs scored on a 27-yard run in the first quarter. Marcus Scott made the defensive play of the game when he returned a fumble for a touchdown. Ismael Zamor rushed for a TD on a 2-yard jet sweep.

"We use Ish as a running back and a wide receiver — he's such a talented player who can make plays at any spot on the field," DiLoreto said of Zamor, a junior who has committed to Boston College in Chestnut Hill.

Cam Mohammed rushed for a pair of two-point conversions while Kevin Ruiz booted two PATs.

Defensive lineman Jayden Biggi and defensive back Brandon Gibbs concluded outstanding seasons. "They played really well [against Classical]," said DiLoreto. "Our whole defense really stepped up and made a good account of themselves."

EHS standouts Josaiah Stewart (Coastal Carolina) and Tyrese Baptiste (Maine) will begin their college football careers in August. Junior running back JC Clerveaux emerged as offensive force with his power, speed, and finesse.

The Crimson Tide team stormed out of the starting blocks against Lynn Classical.

"We got off to a really fast start," said Coach DiLoreto, whose team built a 35-0 lead by the second quarter. "Things went our way early. It was a nice night and everybody got a chance to play."

So just how good were the Crimson Tide in this unprecedented season?

After allowing a touchdown in the first quarter of the first game, Everett's first offensive and defensive units basically accounted for 114 unanswered points in wins over Lynn English, Revere, and Lynn Classical. Everett

averaged 42.3 points per game.

The three opponents wanted to test Everett in their first seasons in the newly expanded Greater Boston League. Revere (3-1) had Curry College-bound quarterback (Calvin Boudreau) and its best-ever senior class that was 27-6 the past four years after enjoying tremendous success at the Pop Warner level. English (2-2) won its final two games of the season and likely would have been a playoff team. Classical (1-3), led by former Everett assistant coach and Northeastern star Brian Vaughan, was a young team with a very bright future ahead. The City of Lynn has four youth football organizations (East Lynn Pop Warner, West Lynn Pop Warner, the Lynn Chargers, and the Lynn Silverbacks in the New England Youth Tackle (Spring Football League), so football still matters a lot in Lynn, the eighth-largest city in Massachusetts with more than 90,000 residents.

But Everett proved to be in a class by itself among North Shore programs. Had this been a normal season with playoffs, the Boston Globe projected an Everett-Central Catholic matchup in the North sectional final with the winner facing John DiBiasi's Catholic Memorial team in the Division 1 Super

Bowl at Gillette Stadium.

DiLoreto praises team for its sacrifices this season

Rob DiLoreto and his staff did a phenomenal job keeping their players focused and motivated during times when it looked like there might not even be a football season.

"I'm so proud how this team came together and bonded so closely and really bought into the family of Everett football," said DiLoreto. "With all those challenges they had to overcome, I think they'll remember and appreciate everything they accomplished this season. It's a credit to our players and our coaches and the commitment that everybody made to each other. Everyone had to make sacrifices both on and off the field for each other and for our own health and safety and well-being. We were in uncharted waters this Fall-2 season. I'm just very proud of the coaches and the players. It was quite a memorable and fun first season as the Everett football coach."



Ismael Zamor set to hold for the point after.



Cam Mohamed, scores a two-point conversion for the Crimson Tide.



Brandon Gibbs intercepts a Rams pass.



All Star QB Samy Lamonthe hadn't thrown a pass but covered a lot of ground and is on his way to the end-zone for 6 more Crimson Tide points against the Rams of Lynn Classical.



It didn't take Tyrese Baptiste long to cross into the endzone for 6 points.



Kicker Kevin Ruiz gets some great blocking from Mervens Amazan.



The referee raises his arms high for another Tide TD, after a fumble recovery by Marcus Scott.



JC Clerveaux carried a couple of Rams on his back for a Tide first down.



Head Coach of the Everett Crimson Tide undefeated 4-0 Varsity Football Team, Rob DiLoreto.

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New program from CHA, Vinfen provides housing support to patients in need

Staff Report

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), an academic community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville and Boston’s metro-north region, has developed an innovative partnership with health and human services organization Vinfen to provide comprehensive housing support to patients in need. The program aims to help certain members of the Tufts-CHA MassHealth Accountable Care Organization (ACO) plan who have chronic medical or behavioral health conditions and who are experiencing housing instability or homelessness.

Each year, millions of American households face “housing insecurity,” a condition that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. While there is no single definition of housing insecurity, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services bases it on a number of key factors - trouble paying rent, overcrowding, moving frequently, staying with relatives or spending the bulk of household income on housing. HealthyPeople.gov notes that housing instability is a key social

determinant of health and numerous studies have shown these conditions to be barriers to physical health and access to health care.

The new CHA-Vinfen program includes housing navigation and related supports to help people access and maintain safe housing. This includes people who are un-housed as well as those at-risk of losing their housing. Key components include pre-housing support, work to prevent evictions and improving the safety of current housing through home modifications.

“CHA strives to meet patients where they are and support their needs,” said Dr. David Elvin, CHA’s Vice President for Population Health Management. “Over time, we have developed a greater understanding of the social factors that impact health and have expanded the traditional scope of healthcare providers. As stable and safe housing are so vital to health and wellbeing, we are excited to implement this new program. Rather than treat symptoms, this lets us support health at its foundations and help our patients thrive.”

Bruce Bird, President and CEO of Vinfen said:

“Vinfen is pleased to partner with CHA on this important program. We share the belief that addressing housing instability will result in better health for the people we are serving in this unique partnership. We have seen firsthand the dramatic impact of homelessness and the threat of eviction on the physical and mental health of people in our communities and are looking forward to addressing this crisis.”

The CHA-Vinfen housing pilot helps certain members of the CHA MassHealth ACO plan (Tufts Health Together with CHA) and their families that meet specific criteria using Flexible Services Program funds. The Flexible Services Program (FSP) is part of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services’ MassHealth Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program. The Flexible Services Program offers MassHealth ACOs time-limited funding to pilot evidence-based approaches that address a member’s health-related social needs with the goal of improving health outcomes and reducing the total cost of health care for the member.

RCN, Grande, Wave and enTouch join the FCC’s Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

Staff Report

RCN, Grande, Wave and enTouch, award-winning providers of high-speed internet, digital TV and phone services across the U.S., have joined the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBBP) to ensure members of its communities maintain connectivity and have access to the internet needed to work and attend school remotely from home during the COVID-19 health emergency.

The EBBP is a nationwide federal program temporarily providing \$3.2 billion to help households in need due to the pandemic pay for internet access. Eligible current and new customers will receive up to \$50 per month off broadband services and related equipment, until federal funds are depleted. With RCN, Grande, Wave and enTouch’s already affordable pricing, this means that qualified applicants could receive totally free high-speed in-

ternet and equipment rentals for a limited time after application of the EBB program credit and supplemental company credit on select plans.

“Supporting our customers and communities during this extended period of uncertainty has been, and will continue to be, our main priority,” said Chris Fenger, Chief Operating Officer of RCN, Grande, Wave and enTouch. “While we’re all seeing a light at the end of the tunnel, families and individuals continue to be affected by the pandemic’s economic impact and until that subsides, we’ll do everything we can to ensure they remain connected to loved ones, engaged in their education, productive at work and able to unwind with their favorite shows and movies. The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program will provide additional support on top of our pre-existing COVID-19 response programs, further ensuring no customers in need will be without connectivity.”

Those interested in

signing up can:

- Confirm eligibility at the National Verifier Database at www.checklifeline.org/lifeline;
- 1. Choose RCN, Grande Communications, Wave Broadband or enTouch as your service provider;
- 2. Call to receive High-Speed Internet Service free after application of the EBB program credit and supplemental company credit on select plans for qualified applicants.

Available services and equipment include award-winning internet services with speeds ranging from 100 – 300Mbps,* no data overage fees and a modem/router. The EBB discount is not available on all rate plans.

To learn more about the EBBP and sign up for free RCN, Grande, Wave, or enTouch’s broadband service, please visit: www.rcn.com/ebb, www.mygrande.com/ebb, www.wavehome.com/ebb, www.entouch.net/ebb.

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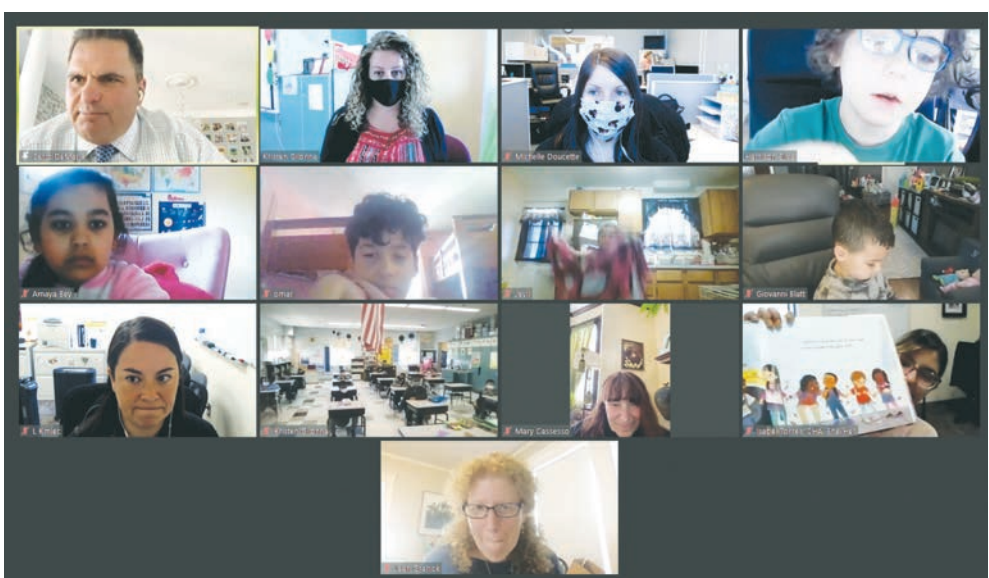
FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

FIRST VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING



Mayor DeMaria, along with members of the City Administration, proudly hosting the first virtual Community Meeting on Wednesday, May 12th with the residents of Ward 1. Members of the community were eager to participate, ask questions about developments in the City, and discuss issues occurring in their everyday lives. Mayor DeMaria is looking forward to the upcoming meetings with the remaining Wards.

VIRTUAL BOOK READING



Mayor DeMaria virtually read “I Promise” by NBA Legend, LeBron James to Mrs. Glionna’s 1st Grade Class at the Lafayette School on Wednesday, May 12th. Cambridge Health Alliance hosted the Virtual Book Reading and distributed copies of the book to Mrs. Glionna’s class. They also had a member of their organization hold up the book on Zoom while Mayor DeMaria was reading to ensure that students who are continuing remote learning could follow along.

Encore Boston Harbor Master Classes return with June outdoor programing

Staff Report

After more than a year hiatus, Encore Boston Harbor’s esteemed Master Classes will resume this June with two courses to be taught on one of the property’s stunning outdoor terraces.

•Sunday, June 13: Oyster Shucking and Champagne Tasting - Back by popular demand, Rare Steakhouse executive chef John Ross will lead an expert oyster shucking Master Class on the Harborside outdoor terrace. In partnership with Island Creek Oysters, guests will learn how to expertly choose and carefully shuck the ideal oyster while being educated on New England oyster harvesting. Additionally, patrons will sip Veuve Clicquot and enjoy canapés made with the freshest seafood New England has to offer such as black bass crudo with watermel-

on radish and hackleback caviar, charred Spanish octopus with salsa verde, and more. Guests will depart with an event-themed gift bag containing their very own oyster shucking tools, exclusive recipes and other surprises. This course will take place from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and is \$95 per person, including taxes, gratuities, and fees. This event is 21+ only.

•Sunday, June 20: Grilling, Mixology and Cigar Rolling - Join Rare Steakhouse’s chef de cuisine Timothy Hixson for a special Father’s Day grilling, mixology and cigar rolling Master Class. Learn the differences between gas-fired, wood and charcoal grilling, marinating and seasoning techniques as well as proper heating and cooking temperatures. Once completed, guests will enjoy a surf and turf selection of Mexican U-10 shrimp, four ex-

pertly charred cuts of Rare’s signature beef including authentic Japanese Kobe, and assorted sides. Patrons 21 years of age and older will also enjoy handmade cocktails prepared by a Rémy Cointreau mixologist, imported hand-rolled cigars to enjoy during the event, and one to take home in a gift bag with event-themed exclusives. This Master Class will be held on the Harborside outdoor terrace from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. and is \$95 per person, including taxes, gratuities, and fees.

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Downing urges Massachusetts to pilot expanded guaranteed income program

Staff Report

Following early reports of success out of the City of Chelsea’s guaranteed income project, former state senator, clean energy business leader and current gubernatorial candidate Ben Downing today called for Massachusetts to invest in an expanded guaranteed income pilot program, targeted at the 20 communities with the highest poverty rates.

Downing’s call today follows the release of his campaign’s anti-poverty policy plan earlier this week, which focuses on bold reforms around income, food security, housing security, and jobs. Downing committed to the state’s first cabinet-level anti-poverty official, tasked with coordinating efforts across all of state government.

“Poverty in this state was a crisis long before COVID. But the last year made it even more acute,” said Downing. “We are one of the richest states in the nation and a growing number of our neighbors do not know whether they will have food, shelter or safety tonight. We have to act urgently and decisively to change that. The data on guaranteed income is increasingly clear: It is an extremely effective way to help families meet basic needs and build a measure of economic security for those who our economy has failed to serve. The Downing Administration will take a cue from Chelsea and immediately expand this effort to more communities fighting to recover, within its first 100 days.”

In the state legislature, Downing was a leading

advocate for anti-poverty measures, spearheading the successful effort to nearly double the EITC in 2016 and securing an additional \$3.5 million in additional funding for MEAP between 2015 and 2018.

Dubbed Chelsea Eats, Chelsea’s guaranteed income project is the largest in the nation to date and delivers between \$200-\$400 a month to high-need families for a period of six months. Early analysis of the program has shown that nearly 75% of all funds were spent at grocery stores or places where food was the primary product. The results track with analysis of other guaranteed income projects across the United States, where recipients overwhelmingly use the money to meet basic needs and raise their family’s standard of living.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

DORVIL GRADUATES FROM ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY

Wens Dorvil, of Everett, was one of nearly 400 graduates to receive a bachelor’s degree during Assumption University’s 104th Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 9, at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester. Pulitzer Prize-winning and nationally syndicated Washington Post columnist George F. Will, Ph.D., delivered what he called the “last Assumption lecture for which you will be a captive audience” to the Class of 2021, in which he urged the graduates to live in the present while also imagining the past. The Class of 2021 is the first to graduate from Assumption University, which transitioned from Assumption College last year.

Assumption Univer-

sity, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England’s premier university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption, located in Worcester, Massachusetts, seeks to provide students with a transformative education that forms graduates who possess critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service. The University offers 34 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies; as well as master’s and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information about Assumption University, please visit www.assumption.edu.

ST. JOHN’S PREP ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC HONORS

St. John’s Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the third quarter of the 2020–2021 school year. Students who qualified for the Headmaster’s List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal’s List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the Third Quarter 2020–2021.

- Everett
- Headmaster’s List
- Nicholas Vogel ‘26
- Honor Roll
- Luke Sigaran ‘24

DiDomenico and advocates hold briefing on civil rights legislation

Staff Report

Senator Sal DiDomenico recently hosted a legislative briefing alongside his House partners Representatives Joan Meschino (D-Hull) and Adrian Madaro (D-East Boston), regarding new civil rights legislation they have filed: S.996/H.1792, An Act to create access to justice.

Civil rights legislation is meant to ensure fair treatment of all people under the law. However, laws and regulations often discriminate against vulnerable groups of people in negative ways, and these disparate impacts are difficult to remedy under the law. In large part, this is due to the ruling in the case *Alexander v. Sandoval*, which took away the standing of an individual to bring a claim in state court bestowed by the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

An Act to create access to justice would restore the right of an individual in Massachusetts to seek civil rights protections in Massachusetts courts against a state government agency when policies or procedures create a disparate impact. Specifically, the bill would eliminate the burden of proving that governmental programs or activities that have a disparate impact were motivated by discriminatory intent; make legal remedies accessible by permitting victims to file claims in state court, rather than federal court; and protect all vulnerable groups by prohibiting all discrimination. The bill is a priority for a broad coalition of justice groups and advocates, including those fighting for environmental justice, language access, prisoners’ rights, and equi-

table education.

“Some of the most pervasive injustices in our society come from actions and policies that appear neutral on their face, but perpetuate discrimination when applied,” said Senator DiDomenico. “We see these injustices play out all the time in diverse communities like those I represent—environmental inequities, educational disparities, and housing discrimination—with residents having little to no recourse for this injustice. That is why we need to pass this bill to enhance civil rights protections and expand access to justice to those who have been discriminated against, even if that discrimination was unintentional. If we truly wish to create a more equitable and just Commonwealth for all, we absolutely need to pass this legislation and empower our most vulnerable communities to fight for their rights in court.”

“Our bill, An Act to create access to justice, empowers those who are discriminated against to take legal action in defense of their civil rights,” said Representative Joan Meschino. “As a broad civil rights bill and with the 2050 Roadmap Bill being newly signed into law, this legislation will be crucial to continuing the fight for environmental justice.”

“While government actions and policies today are supposed to be neutral, the reality is that oftentimes in the real world they often affect various populations in very different, sometimes discriminatory, ways,” said Representative Adrian Madaro. “This legislation will allow communities affected by these disparate impacts to access the legal system and seek remedies

which ensure equity and environmental justice.”

At the briefing, Senator DiDomenico and the House sponsors introduced the legislation by tying it to the fight for environmental justice and urged fellow legislators to consider co-sponsoring the bill. Andrea Nyamekye from Neighbor to Neighbor and Sofia Owen from Alternatives for Community and Environment also provided additional context for and history behind the bill. Panelists advocating for the passage of the bill shared specific experiences that underscore the need for this legislation. Noemy Rodriguez, Waterfront Initiative Organizer at GreenRoots, spoke about language access barriers that prevented her community’s meaningful participation in the process of public comment against the construction of a local substation. Executive Director of Prisoners’ Legal Services Lizz Matos recounted injustices faced by people of color within the prison system. Among these is the use of classification scores, which determine the minimum security level permitted for an inmate, and are often based upon factors that are proxies for race such as the number of years of completed college. Staff Attorney at Lawyers for Civil Rights Lauren Sampson shared examples of disparate impacts within the education system, including the over-representation of boys of color who receive special education services and their under-representation in advanced placement classes.

The bill is assigned to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and now waits for a hearing to be scheduled.

MassDOT to hold Virtual Meetings

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing several public virtual meetings for the Capital Investment Plan (CIP), with each meeting focusing on a particular area in the state.

MassDOT is developing the annual CIP that guides how the Commonwealth prioritizes

and funds local and state-wide transportation projects. The CIP determines funding for infrastructure including transit, accessibility upgrades, roadway improvements, municipal projects, and for the needs of Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs).

Input from the public each year is used to help inform project design and investment decisions as

comments help MassDOT officials understand the level of community support for proposed projects.

The virtual events will be held as follows and while each meeting presentation will primarily highlight investments in that region, the public is welcome to comment on any aspect of the CIP.

•Boston issues, June 1, 6 p.m.

FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

Meet the team: Sylvia Navarro-Olivares

What do you do in the City? “Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk. I started working at the Connolly Center before coming here. I do a little bit of everything that is offered in the City Clerk’s Office. I help customers everyday with getting licenses and certificates such as birth, marriage, and business, and also process fees and provide receipts. I work with the archives, process payroll and assist with any translations that come my way, into Spanish and Portuguese. I also make sure that everything stays



organized.”

What is your favorite part about working for the City? “Giving back to the community and being a part of the community, it’s the beauty of it. I go home happy. I love getting to meet new people every day!”

What is the biggest les-

son you’ve learned from your roll? “I’m always learning in this role, and I love it. I never had any clue about licenses. I also learned that staying organized is so important.”

What do you like to do when you are not working? “I am a certified translator, so I do this on my spare time. When I want a break, I love to go away on vacation and relax. I like to travel and see my family in El Salvador. I also like going to church and meeting new people. I sleep happy when I can say I met someone new today!”

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vaccination efforts is now being concentrated in the schools, including Everett Public Schools where a mobile vaccination clinic will be available on May 21 and June 4.

Last week, the federal government announced that it had approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for use in children 12 and up. Before that, students 16 and over were allowed to take the vaccine starting in late April and early May.

Now, to reach students where they are, the Mobile Vaccine Clinic operated by Tufts Health Plan and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care will visit Everett High School.

Registration and consent forms will be sent to each qualifying student and forms must be filled out prior to a minor receiving the vaccination, unless accompanied by their parent or guardian on the day of the shot.

On May 21, there will be a clinic from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the high school

for all EPS students who qualify. On June 4, there will be a clinic for seniors and members of the community from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are accepted.

•MAJOR REPAIRS NEEDED AT SCHOOLS

The School Committee approved a measure to spend \$1.43 million on major repairs to three schools. That list of four major repairs was accompanied by list of 11 other repairs that needed to be made to the schools, and were requested to be put in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). All told, the repairs were more than \$7 million.

The money approved on Monday would fix the two cooling towers at Everett High, and that needed to be done immediately as there is no air conditioning in the school now. That came at a cost of \$107,500.

The other repairs included:

•Keverian School

Chiller for air conditioning: \$350,000

•Madeline English School boiler: \$575,000

•Keverian School boiler: \$400,000

The Committee earlier this year had approved an emergency expenditure to replace the Lafayette School boiler as well.

Members of the Committee and Mayor Carlo DeMaria agreed with Supt. Priya Tahiliani that a comprehensive CIP plan for the schools would be needed going forward so they could be more proactive and less reactive.

“We are going to try to anticipate these things two or three years ahead of time,” Tahiliani said. “We’ll be more mindful and plan for these things well ahead of time.”

Said Chair Parker, “I think the fallacy is people look at the schools and think they are brand new and they’re not anymore. Some are 20 years old at this point.”

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NOTICE OF INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND TIER II CLASSIFICATION

PHASE I COMPLETION & TIER CLASSIFICATION

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EVERETT, MA.

DEP RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-0035867

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0480), an Initial Site Investigation has been performed at the above-referenced location. A release of chlorinated hydrocarbons has occurred at this location which is a disposal site (as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 2). The Site has been classified as Tier II, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. Response Actions at this site will be conducted by the Responsible Party who has employed Ralph J. Tella, LSP #7473, of Lord Environmental, Inc. to manage response actions in accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0000). M.G.L. c. 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan provide additional opportunities for public notice of and involvement in decisions regarding response actions at disposal sites: 1) The Chief Municipal Official and Board of Health of the community in which the Site is located will be notified of major milestones and events, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1403; and 2) Upon receipt of a petition from ten or more residents of the municipality in which the disposal site is located, or of a municipal site potentially affected by a disposal site, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions at the Site will be prepared and implemented, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1405. To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Ralph J. Tella, Lord Environmental, Inc., 1506

Providence Highway, Suite 30, Norwood, MA 02062 at (781) 255-5554.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781)865-4000 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI21P2254EA

Estate of: Benjamin F. Wood, Jr.

Date of Death: 03/23/2020

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Diana Barnes of Cambridge, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Diana Barnes of Cambridge, MA, be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/09/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you

fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 12, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

At the Matrimonial Part 51 of the Supreme Court Of the State of New York Held in and for the County of Queens, at The courthouse. Located At 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on the 23rd day of April 2021. Present: HON. JODI ORLOW, J.S.C. PEGGY OLIVO Plaintiff, Against WILMAR LOPEZ, Defendant Index No. 7156/2019 ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE Upon the reading and filing of the affidavits of plaintiff, of Peggy Olivo sworn to on April 28, 2020 and April 1, 2021, and it appearing therefrom to the satisfaction of the Court that the plaintiff has a good and meritorious

cause of action against the defendant for a divorce and that the plaintiff has not and can not locate the defendant with due diligence within or outside the State of New York, and that service cannot be made any other prescribed method. Now on the motion, Peggy Olivo, plaintiff, it is ORDERED, that service of the Summons upon the defendant, Wilmar Lopez, in the above entitled action, be made by publication thereof in accordance with Section 316 of the CPLR and Section 232 of the Domestic Relations Law in one newspaper which will be in the English Language to wit: Everett Independent, published in the County of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, once a week for three consecutive weeks, together with a notice to the defendant and a brief statement of the object of the action, said newspaper being designated as most likely to give notice to the defendant; and it is further ORDERED that the publication of the Summons with Notice, Notice of Automatic Orders, and Notice of Guideline Maintenance shall be made within sixty (60) days after entry of this Order; and it is further ORDERED that the Summons, this Order, and papers on which the Order is based, shall be filed on or before the first day of publication; and it is further ORDERED that in addition to the publication, that a copy of the Summons with Notice, Notice of Automatic Orders, and Notice of Guideline Maintenance shall be sent by US Postal service to the defendant’s last known address, 163 Bell Rock Street, #2, Everett, MA 02149 within sixty (60) days of the first day of publication. Dated: April 23, 2021 Hon. Jodi Orlow, J.S.C. 5/19/21, 5/26/21, 6/2/21

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NEWS IN BRIEF

MAY IS OLDER AMERICAN MONTH

In tough times, communities find strength in people—and people find strength in their communities. In the past year, we’ve seen this time and again in our communities as friends, neighbors, and businesses have found new ways to support each other.

In our 11 communities we serve, older adults are a key source of this strength. Through their experiences, successes, and difficulties, they have built resilience that helps them to face new challenges. When communities tap into this, they become stronger too.

Each May, the Administration for Community Living leads the celebration of Older Americans Month (OAM). This year’s theme is Communities of Strength, recognizing the important role older adults play in fostering the connection and engagement that build strong, resilient communities.

Strength is built and shown not only by bold acts, but also small ones of day-to-day life—a conversation shared with a friend, working in the garden, trying a new recipe, or taking time for a cup of tea on a busy day. And when we share these activities with others—even virtually or by telling about the experi-

ence later—we help them build resilience too.

This year, Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) will celebrate OAM by encouraging community members to share their experiences. Together, we can find strength—and create a stronger future.

Here are some ways to share and connect:

- Look for joy in the everyday: Celebrate small moments and ordinary pleasures by taking time to recognize them. Start a gratitude journal and share it with others via social media, or call a friend or family member to share a happy moment or to say thank you.
- Reach out to neighbors: Even if you can’t get together in person right now, you can still connect with your neighbors. Leave a small gift on their doorstep, offer to help with outdoor chores, or deliver a home-cooked meal.
- Build new skills: Learning something new allows us to practice overcoming challenges. Take an art course online or try a socially distanced outdoor movement class to enjoy learning with others in your community. Maybe you have a skill to share? Find an opportunity to teach someone.
- Share your story: There’s a reason storytelling is a time-honored ac-

tivity. Hearing how others experience the world helps us grow. Engaging with family, friends, and neighbors can open up new conversations and strengthen our connections.

When people of different ages, backgrounds, abilities, and talents share experiences—through action, story, or service—we help build strong and educated communities. And that’s something to celebrate!

To learn more about what MVES has to offer older adults, please visit us at www.mves.org or call 781-324-7705.

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM IS HELPING OLDER ADULTS FEEL CONNECTED

Social isolation is a prevalent concern for approximately one-quarter of community-dwelling Americans aged 65 and older who are considered to be socially isolated, and a significant proportion of adults in the United States report feeling lonely, according to a report conducted by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. And with the coronavirus pandemic altering people’s lives and the ways in which they interact with others, isolation among older adults is at an all-time high. Social isolation can affect everything from mental health, nutrition, and mobility.

There are many reasons for social isolation beyond the pandemic. Some older adults might not have family, might be estranged from their family, might not be as technologically savvy as younger folks, and might rely on transportation or Adult Day Health in order to socialize.

To address this issue, Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) launched the Social Engagement Program a year ago, established to help improve the health and well-being of isolated older adults in the community by providing meaningful social connections.

The Social Engagement Program connects to older adults through supports that could include the following: the Telephone Reassurance Program, where a volunteer calls the isolated individual and provides a social contact and friendly conversation; the Card and Letter Writing option where participants and volunteers socialize through an exchange of cards and letters; the Email Pen Pal Program which provides socialization through email, and; the Friendly Visitor Program, in which the individual receives home visits that focus on in-person socialization and companionship(when it is determined safe to do so). Trained and carefully screened volunteers are paired with community members and provide the visits, cards and letters, calls and emails.

MVES continues to respond to the increased social isolation faced by many older adults during this difficult past year. Cheryl, a 61 year old, was struggling to recover from hip replacement surgery. She was feeling isolated and very stressed-out, and wanting a listening ear and friendly support. Cheryl was very worried about her adult African American son, the recent racial protests, and how her fam-

ily may be impacted. She needed someone to talk with who would understand her reality and lived experiences. That’s where the Social Engagement Program came in to Cheryl’s life.

Cheryl was matched with a MVES Social Engagement volunteer who had shared experiences and could relate to Cheryl’s family experiences and feelings. It has been a very supportive match for Cheryl and made such a positive difference in her life. When Cheryl speaks of her volunteer, she shares “We’re buddies. We really talk and laugh. We talk about serious things too.” Cheryl enjoys their phone calls and is looking forward to days ahead when she can spend time in person with her Social Engagement Program volunteer.

The Social Engagement Program is not only benefiting Cheryl, but more than 50 other socially isolated older adults who have their own unique life challenges.

MVES is playing an important role in the community to combat the effects of social isolation. From increased well-being calls to ongoing home delivered meals and other in home services to providing resources for family caregivers now worrying about their elderly loved ones from afar, MVES is committed to remaining a consistent presence in the lives of those community members we are privileged to serve.

If you would like to learn more about the Social Engagement Program, please contact Linda Cornell at (781) 388-4839 orl-cornell@mves.org.

Due to the increased demand from community members, MVES is seeking volunteers for the Social Engagement Program. If you would like to learn more about volunteering for the program, please contact Leah Mulrenan at (781) 388-2375 orl-mulrenan@mves.org.

EVERETT WATER DEPARTMENT RECEIVES OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Everett Water Department received the Commonwealth Citation for Outstanding Performance in 2021 by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP). The annual Performance Recognition Program is an opportunity to formally recognize state employees for their extraordinary contributions to public service.

“Thank you to our water department members who work hard everyday in protecting and supplying safe, high quality water to our residents and thank you to the Commonwealth for recognizing the department and their efforts within our city,” said Mayor DeMaria.

In order to be nominated for the Commonwealth Citation for Outstanding Performance, the following requirements are necessary:

- Executive Branch or Higher Education employees who have been in state service for at least two years as of May 1, 2020 may be nominated for a Citation, except those employees currently holding positions to which they were appointed directly by the Governor, employees whose appointments were subject to the formal approval of the Governor and/or College Presidents and Agency Heads.
- An individual employee may be nominated by a supervisor, peer, professional colleague or someone else who is familiar with the person’s work. An individual may not be nominated by a relative or a subordinate, nor may a person nominate himself or herself.
- A group of employees may also be nominated for its performance as a unit. If this is the case, and a group is selected as a winner, the group name is printed on

the citation with each individual’s name printed below the group name on their citation. In citing the reasons as to why an individual or group of employees should receive a citation, particular emphasis should be placed on one or more of the following: Exceptional managerial, organizational and/or communications achievements; Exemplary leadership; Achievement of significant improvements in productivity and/or cost savings in agency operations; etc.

- All nominations must be signed and the nominator’s relationship to the nominee(s) clearly specified.

2021 YOUTH PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY

The Middlesex Sheriff’s Office has announced that it will be offering a free, virtual Youth Public Safety Academy (YPSA) once again this summer.

“While our goal had been to host an in-person camp this summer, it takes months of planning to properly prepare for a high-quality learning experience like YPSA,” said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. “With limited guidance available to us early in the planning process on how summer camps could safely operate and what compliance measures might look like, we decided the best decision was to follow the successful model we implemented last year when we held a series of free, virtual YPSA sessions.”

Additional information regarding the 2021 Virtual YPSA will be released in the coming weeks. Families with questions about YPSA may contact Director of Community Affairs Ken Doucette at 978-495-7408 or at kdoucette@sdm.state.ma.us.

To read the full letter from Sheriff Koutoujian to families regarding this year’s YPSA, please visit middlesexsheriff.org/YPSA.

OBITUARIES

John Ragucci

Concord Steel retiree

John Ragucci, 91, of Malden, formerly of Everett and Peabody, entered into eternal rest at home on Monday, May 10.

Born in Avellino, Italy, John lived in Everett for many years. He subsequently moved to Peabody and then returned to live in Malden. He worked for many years as a steel worker and retired from Concord Steel Company in Everett.

The beloved husband of the late Sylvia C. (Benvisuto) for over 57 years prior to her passing, he was the dear and devoted father of Mary Pompeo and her partner, Paul Smith of Malden, John Ragucci of Maine and Lisa Turpin and her husband, Ray of Barre, MA; loving grandfather of Kenny Fazio,



Rachel Pompeo and Megan Ragucci.

Funeral arrangements were by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Contributions in John’s memory to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701 would be sincerely appreciated.

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CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

Mystic Side Congregational Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Everett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sunday Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour

and socializing follow our services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming you this Sunday.

**Mystic Side
Congregational Church
422 Main Street
Everett, MA**

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Ernest Egbedike, S.M.A. Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Cannon

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4 p.m., Sunday a.m., 9 a.m. (Family Mass), 11 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Each Thursdays' adoration

will conclude the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend a few moments with Our Blessed Lord

Bring a Book-Buy a Book - We have a new Fundraiser Program in the back of the Church. It's called Bring a Book-Buy a Book. All books are a dollar and any money collected will go towards our Stain Glass Fund. Brink a Book and Buy a Book and make a donation. Our selections are great and varied. Please stop by the table and see what we have. Thank you

**Immaculate Conception
Parish
489 Broadway
Everett, Mass 02149
Phone 617-389-5660**

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Senior Pastor Bishop Robert G. Brown will be hosting Virtual Masses to bring the people together, spiritually while they can't physically. Their virtual sanctuaries can be accessed via their face-

book page, "Zion Church Ministries."

For more information, they can be reached online at zionchurchministries.com or via email at office@zionchurchministries.com

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

Glendale United Methodist Church is open to all and we welcome people of all faiths, race, nationalities and sexual preference. No one is ever turned away. If you are looking for a new home church, we would like you to check us out and let us know what we can do to make church a better fit in your life.

Bible Study: Consider joining us for Bible study on Sunday. We meet in the Church Parlor off the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Sponsor the bulletin! For a \$5 donation, you can dedicate the Sunday bulletin to recognize family, friends, or special occasions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Pastor's study. Feel free to choose your particular week and leave a copy of your dedication in the mail in that is on the Pastor's door. Please contact the Pastor if you have any questions.

Boy Scout Troop 814: Meet in Cooper Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Cub Pack 11 meets on Saturday mornings.

NA Meetings - Mon.

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

Wednesday hour of Power, worship, prayer and Bible Study, via Zoom.

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett that will begin meeting in 2021. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at [everett.church to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network at \[www.everettcan.com\]\(http://www.everettcan.com\) to request any additional help.](http://www.for-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

There are 3 services on Sundays: 10 a.m. English, 1 p.m. South Sudanese (Dinka) and 3 p.m. Haitian Creole.

Come all and let us walk together in this season of

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CITY COUNCIL RESUMES IN-PERSON MEETINGS



Monday, May 10, the Everett City Council held its second in-person meeting at The Everett High School Library. Council President Pro-Tempore Anthony DiPierro and School Committee Chair Frank Parker collaborated on the use of the temporary location as renovations are made to the Council Chamber. The meeting was conducted in a safe, socially-distant environment with air purifiers and Plexiglas surrounded desks. Nine out of 11 Council members were present in-person, and others had the option of participating on Zoom.

EHS BUILDS HOME TENNIS COURTS



Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that Everett High School officially has new home tennis courts. While the City of Everett has tennis courts at American Legion Memorial, and at Clark, Edgewater, Forest, Garfield, Howarth and Lowell parks, the highschool lacked their own home tennis courts. "I want all of our sport teams at Everett High School to be well accomadated. They should feel like their fields and courts are a home away from home. I am estatic about this project being complete. The tennis team truly deserved their own designated space and I am sure they will be just as happy as I am," said Mayor DeMaria. The Everett High School home tennis courts are located at Thomas S. Rossetti off of 1 Rivergreen Drive.



EID MUBARAK. Mayor Carlo DeMaria joined members of the Muslim community to celebrate the end of Ramadan at RiverGreen park on the morning of May 13. The breaking of the Ramadan fast, or the Iftar Dinner, took place on May 12 in the evening.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MAYOR DEMARIA TO HOST VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Mayor DeMaria is pleased to announce that he will be virtually hosting community meetings on Zoom beginning on Wednesday, May 12th at 7pm. Each meeting will be with a different ward of the City of Everett to learn more about the current issues facing the specific neighborhood.

"My Administration and I are excited to meet with the different wards of Everett," said Mayor DeMaria. "Over the past year, the pandemic presented many issues in addition to the ordinary concerns that arise

and I want to hear from our residents. We look forward to further connecting with the community and discussing the issues that are affecting their everyday lives."

The schedule for the meetings is as follows:

- Ward 2: Wednesday, May 26, 2021
- Ward 3: Wednesday, June 9, 2021
- Ward 4: Wednesday, June 23, 2021
- Ward 5: Wednesday, June 30, 2021
- Ward 6: Wednesday, July 14, 2021

To join the meeting for your ward, please use the following Zoom information:

Join the Zoom meeting using this link:
<https://ci-everett-ma.zoom.us/j/91511213761>
Meeting ID: 915 1121 3761
Dial in: +1 646 558 8656

ADRIEN FOR MAYOR FUNDRAISER/ SIGNATURE STOPS

The campaign Gerly Adrien for Mayor has shifted gears from a city council race to a mayor's race. The campaign brought on staff and has scheduled its first Major Fundraising Event for Mayor. On May 23, at 7 p.m. Adrien will be hosting a Virtual Fundraising Reception to kick off her Race for Mayor.

Meanwhile, the campaign also announced in-person signature stops for Nomination Paper signing

This week, Councilor Adrien will be at the

following locations with volunteers, collecting signatures for her nomination papers:

- 15 Cumberland Street Everett, MA
Everyday 7AM-9PM
- Glendale Park Elm Street Everett, MA
Wednesday, May 19, 6-8PM
Saturday, May 22, 11AM-1PM
- Everett Square Broadway and Chelsea St
Saturday, May 22, 9AM-11AM
- Rivergreen Park Northern Strand Trail
Thursday, May 20, 7-9PM (Tennis Court)
Saturday, May 22, 9AM-12PM (Dog Park)
- Lafayette School 117 Edith St
Friday, May 21st, 7-9PM
- McKinnon's 620 Broadway Street
Saturday, May 22, 9AM-11AM
Sunday, May 23, 12PM-3PM

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

The City of Everett has received COVID-19 vaccines for this weekend, Saturday, May 22.

There are slots open for first vaccine appointments. Residents that sign up for their first dose will be receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The Moderna vaccine is only available for residents that will be receiving their 2nd dose. This is If you are eligible under Massachusetts state guidelines: <https://www.maimmunizations.org/appoint.../en/reg/1982951600>.




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